



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 14, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2022, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through May 14, 2022 for the United States were 3.54 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022	May 7, 2022	May 14, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,398	34,750	34,906	35,104	34,312	34,093
Arkansas	24,903	24,909	24,569	24,561	24,526	24,724
Delaware	4,762	4,724	4,561	4,964	4,723	5,025
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,970	35,294	34,973	35,086	35,284	34,939
Kentucky	5,448	5,617	5,669	7,022	6,509	6,522
Louisiana	3,320	3,290	3,290	3,351	3,380	3,344
Maryland	7,976	8,007	8,006	8,007	8,000	8,007
Mississippi	16,698	15,562	15,545	16,103	17,254	17,486
Missouri	9,248	9,561	9,648	9,648	9,648	9,438
North Carolina	25,127	25,820	25,995	26,202	25,744	25,858
Oklahoma	7,561	7,601	7,673	7,626	7,427	7,498
Pennsylvania	6,642	6,603	6,471	6,427	6,439	6,595
South Carolina	5,645	5,550	5,542	5,483	5,532	5,564
Texas	18,735	18,832	19,115	19,197	18,870	18,912
Virginia	6,816	6,820	6,820	6,816	6,665	6,820
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,006	12,978	13,079	12,733	12,840	13,165
Other States	12,724	12,080	12,759	12,415	12,228	12,673
United States	239,173	239,192	239,815	241,939	240,575	241,857

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022	May 7, 2022	May 14, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,538	24,673	25,476	25,378	25,043	25,601
Arkansas	21,015	21,734	21,961	21,349	22,553	21,514
Delaware	4,557	4,069	4,640	4,647	5,957	5,018
Florida	1,311	1,311	1,426	1,436	1,332	1,330
Georgia	27,303	26,721	25,277	25,330	26,905	25,856
Kentucky	4,771	4,785	4,724	4,862	5,052	5,203
Louisiana	2,673	2,713	2,715	2,774	2,757	2,739
Maryland	5,866	6,346	6,079	5,310	4,840	5,407
Mississippi	13,501	13,657	13,732	13,685	12,770	12,406
Missouri	5,957	6,161	5,872	6,050	6,080	6,539
North Carolina	21,401	20,076	20,357	20,176	20,156	20,735
Oklahoma	5,323	5,104	5,213	5,456	4,302	4,354
Pennsylvania	4,432	4,405	4,202	4,365	4,465	4,455
South Carolina	3,752	4,813	4,666	4,337	4,908	4,557
Texas	14,814	14,809	14,802	14,598	14,830	15,437
Virginia	5,509	5,754	5,861	6,314	5,703	6,095
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,414	10,963	11,649	11,376	10,179	11,342
Other States	9,616	9,378	9,235	9,802	9,211	9,718
United States	187,753	187,472	187,887	187,245	187,043	188,306

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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